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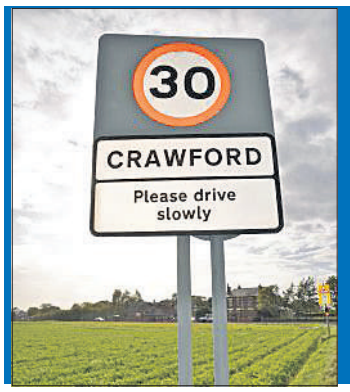

BT promise village ultrafast broadband

BE PREPARED..TO LOSE YOUR HOME! SCOUTS WARNED

New housing development could see group thrown out of their base

Report by **Henry James**

THE 1st Skelmersdale Scout Group face losing their base if new housing proposals being put forward by Lancashire County Council for Barnes Road in Old Skem are agreed.

Leaders from the organisation have drawn up a petition calling on Lancashire County Council to move the access road to the development, and are now appealing to residents to sign the petition.

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Members of the 1st Skelmersdale outside their Barnes Road Scout hut which could be under threat from nearby development plans.

Hedley Lawson catches up with a Roman soldier at the top of Snowdon, the last climb he undertook as part of his three peaks challenge.

Hedley heads for the hills on charity fundraising mission

A 65-YEAR-OLD Skelmersdale man has shown he is a long way from being over the hill by raising mountains of money for charity.

Hedley Lawson has recently climbed Ben Nevis, Scafell Pike and Snowdon in an impressive 29 hours - even though he suffers from type 2 diabetes and another health condition.

Liverpool FC fan Hedley is well known for his fundraising and also for managing a local football team and writing a book - Elisha Scott's Diaries And Press Cuttings His Life Story (Liverpool FC's First Superstar).

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Council bid to clear up confusion over upkeep of grass verges in borough

COUNCIL chiefs have moved to clear up confusion over the responsibility for the maintenance of grass verges, weed control and gully cleansing in the borough.

Following frequent and repeated complaints by residents - including a number of letters in the Champion - about the condition of a number of roadside grass verges and gullies in West Lancashire, the borough council have reiterated that these fall under the jurisdiction of the Highways Authority, Lancashire County Council and NOT the local authority.

A statement issued by the council this week reads: "Following several recent reports in the local press regarding the upkeep of the borough in respect of grass cutting and gully cleansing, West Lancashire Borough Council would like to clarify the position regarding responsibilities for these matters.

"Previously, West Lancashire Borough Council has delivered services such as grass cutting and weed control on behalf of Lancashire County Council, but in 2016 due to changes in funding, these services were handed back to the county council, who subsequently appointed a private contractor to undertake this work on their behalf.

"If anyone has any queries or wishes to make a report about these matters or any other highways-related issues, this can be done online at www.lancashire.gov.uk, by contacting Lancashire County Council's customer services on 0300 123 6701 or by email to highways@lancashire.gov.uk

"The borough council currently only maintains its own land, which includes parks, public open spaces, cemeteries, housing estates and sports pitches.

Overgrown grass verges have prompted complaints from residents

"It is also responsible for street cleansing.

"If anyone has any queries or wishes to make a report about these matters, this can be done online at www.westlancs.gov.uk/streetcleansing; by ringing 01695 577177; or by email to customer.services@westlancs.gov.uk."

West Lancs Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "The borough council is committed to working closely with Lancashire County Council to improve the local environmental quality of the borough.

"We all want West Lancashire to look its best and therefore feel that it is important for residents to know who is responsible for delivering the different services within the borough to ensure that issues are reported correctly to the appropriate body to enable action to be taken quickly to resolve local concerns."

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Scouts face losing their base if new housing development goes ahead

Report by **Henry James**

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The group are hoping to celebrate their 80th anniversary next year and have become a 'vital part' of the community in that time.

Acting group Scout leader, Charlie Cavaghan believes the development would be for more than the 70 homes proposed.

He said: "We face the very real prospect of our building being demolished to allow development to take place on Barnes Road. We are not against the development and we are grateful to Lancashire County Council for the use of the land in the intervening years.

"But we are of the opinion that access to the site could be granted further along Barnes Road, past the Park Road Children's Centre and avoiding our building being demolished.

"We therefore call on Lancashire County Council to re-consider its planned access road for the site and to seriously consider the option of taking the access road further down Barnes Road. This would still allow access to the site and save our building."

The scouts have approached County Councillor for Skelmersdale West, Julie Gibson, for her help. She said: "The access point for the development is currently being proposed to go through where the scout hut is situated, meaning the hut would have to be demolished.

Members of the 1st Skelmersdale in their Barnes Road Scout hut which could be under threat from nearby development plans.

"There is the possibility of access further down Barnes Road which would go past the scout hut. Charlie Cavaghan and I have met with county officers to see if this is possible. While officers have been sympathetic to our plight, they wish to keep the current proposed access route.

"We are not opposed to the development, and we appreciate the need for more housing, but we would just like the county to revisit their plans and feel the alternative entrance could be used. I hope to present the petition to the Cabinet Member for Planning."

The base is used three times a week, the beavers are there on a Tuesday, the cubs and explorers on a Wednesday, and on a Friday the scouts meet. The group has about 57 cubs, scouts and explorers and eight or nine leaders.

Charlie added: "If the hall is demolished, I am not sure where we could go. There is also the problem of where we could store all our equipment.

"We plan to distribute the petition to parents and leaders of the group and community centres and other places where the public congregate."

Gary Jones, principal estates surveyor for Lancashire County Council, responded: "This building is owned by the county council. We agreed around ten years ago that the scout group could use it, until we required it back for development purposes.

"The land has been identified for a development of new homes, as well as space for community allotments.

"Our initial work has shown that the best access would be next to the junction with Whitburn, rather than bringing it past the front of the Children's Centre.

"We've also volunteered to provide some land on this site to the scouts, although we wouldn't be able to fund the building itself. This would enable the scout group to continue on a new site, near to their current one."

Hayden and Cole from the school with Andy Cranham and Matt from West Lancs Paints

Paint firm donates primary colours

LITTLE Digmoor Primary School, in association with the Parents' Group, have set themselves an interesting challenge to raise awareness of the school.

The Parents' Group have been discussing and meeting local companies to try and see if they would be willing to sponsor aspects of the renovation of the school site.

West Lancs Paints, based in Pit Hey Lane in Skelmersdale, are the first company to offer their services to the school.

Kindly donating paints, brushes and wood stain, the company were more than happy to help the school to refurbish their nursery building.

Headteacher Dave Paton said: "Andy and Matt from West Lancs Paints have been extremely generous in their support for the school.

"Our children, parents and staff now have an opportunity to begin the renovation of our nursery building."

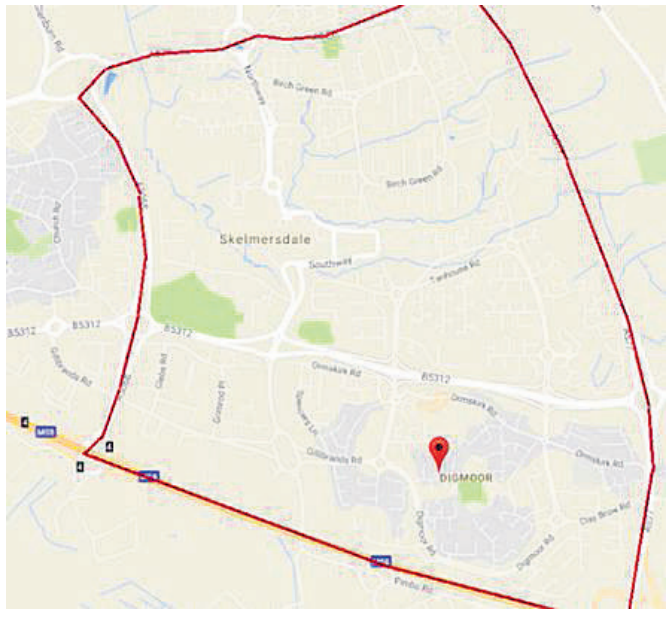
'Several arrests' made after stop and search powers are used by police in bid to catch knife wielding robbers

Report by **Henry James**

POLICE have made "several arrests" after using stop and search powers in Skelmersdale following four recent robberies in the town where knives were used.

Lancashire Chief Constable Andy Rhodes granted the powers on Tuesday, September 26 between 3pm and 3am in the following areas: Glenburn Road, Half Mile Island, Houghton Road, Stannanought Road, Windmill Roundabout, Grimshaw Road and Hope Island back onto Glenburn Road.

Following the operation, Skelmersdale Police said on social media: "In relation to the section 60 stop and search that was put in place on September 26, 2017.



The area where the stop in search powers were in place

"Four robberies occurred in the Digmoor area in a period of four days.

Investigating officers have since made several arrests and enquiries are on-going."

When a Section 60 is in place, a police officer can stop and search a person without suspicion.

Explaining the Section 60, Skelmersdale Police said: "Section 60 of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 allows senior police officers to authorise constables to stop and search persons in a specific area, either where a serious public order problem is likely to arise or has taken place, or for offensive weapons or dangerous instruments. Failing to submit to a search is an offence.

"Section 60AA of the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 provides powers to require the removal of disguises at public order events where a section 60 authorisation is in force or an authorisation is given under this section."

Anyone with any information is being asked to call 101, or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

Hedley heads for the hills to raise money

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He doesn't plan to rest on his laurels, however, and having already raised £1,000 from his latest endeavours, says he still has other sponsored challenges to undertake over the coming months.

These include a triathlon, a swim-a-marathon, a walk along the entire length of the Leeds Liverpool Canal ***(while having a pint in every pub)***, and the Manchester marathon next April. His impressive fundraising feats will culminate in a 12-hour Northern Soul charity event at the end of the same month.

His chosen charities are Macmillan Cancer Support, Cancer Research, and When you Wish Upon a Star, set up to help children with life threatening conditions to realise their dreams.

His own charitable organisation is called Shedley and Hedley Charities, Shelley being an inspirational friend.

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Open evening event will show off KGV

STAFF at King George V College are hosting their next Open Evening event tonight (Wednesday October 11).

The event will run from 5-8pm, when visitors will have the opportunity to tour the college campus and facilities on Scarisbrick New Road, meet staff and students and find out more about the wide range of courses on offer at Southport's leading sixth form.

Acting principal Anne-Marie Francis will be delivering a Principal's Presentation to visitors at 6:30pm in the recently refurbished Creative Arts building.

Animal sanctuary's plea to find homes for unwanted black cats

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

AS HALLOWEEN approaches, staff at an animal sanctuary are hoping that their black cats will be offered a forever loving home!

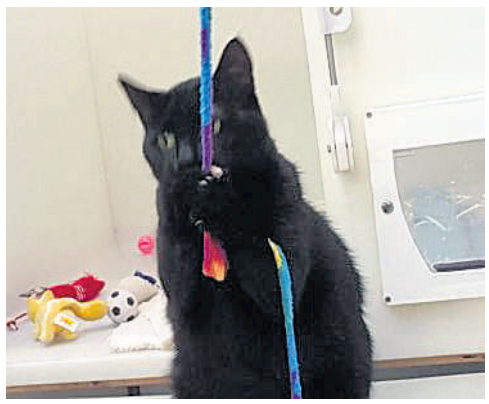
Woodlands Animal Sanctuary in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood cares for a wide variety of small domestic and farm animals, including hundreds of hedgehogs.

Sally McDerby from the sanctuary revealed that their black and black-and-white cats are struggling to find new homes. She said: "As Halloween approaches the curse of the black, and black and white cats is happening again!

"Woodlands Animal Sanctuary currently have three black and black and white cats who are struggling to find their own loving forever home. While kittens are extremely cute and cuddly, they are only kittens for so long - and it is very heart wrenching for the team at Woodlands Animal Sanctuary to see all the older cats they take in struggle for sometimes months at a time to get their chance at their own happily ever after.

If you think you may be just the person these special cats are looking for contact Woodlands Animal Sanctuary either by calling 01704 823293 or emailing info@animalsanctuary.org.uk

Meanwhile, Woodlands is holding a Spooktacular Halloween special this Sunday (October 15) from 11am to 3pm where you can see all the cats who are looking for their forever families.



Binx, one of the sanctuary's cats who is needing a forever home

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A computerised imageof what the Beechtrees development will look like.

Plans submitted to replace 1960s flats in Beechtrees with semi-detached homes

Report by **Henry James**

PLANS have been submitted to build 36 affordable homes at Beechtrees in Skelmersdale as part of the Revival Scheme for the area.

The site is located to the east of the Beechtrees residential estate and is accessed via the dual carriageway Digmoor Road to the west.

Social housing flats built in the late 1960s and early 1970 are to be demolished to make way for the new homes. The flats are made from large pre-cast concrete panels known as REEMA.

The council has said this development, "represents significant extra investment in the Revival Project, as the original plans included 14 new homes."

The 22 extra new homes will be built on land where the council is demolishing nine blocks of flats and four houses.

People who were living in the flats to be knocked down have found alternative accommodation, with help from the council where required.

Preparatory works for the demolition, including disconnecting water and electricity supplies, have been taking place.

Council contractors arrived on Beechtrees on Monday, October 9 to start internal works needed before the flats can be knocked down. It is expected demolition works will be completed in approximately three months.

One of the blocks that is being demolished.

Building work on the new homes is due to start next year, once all the planning permissions have been obtained.

Other improvements planned for the flats that will remain on Beechtrees will include new kitchens, bathrooms and heating, as well as replacement windows and doors.

Councillor Jennifer Forshaw, cabinet member for housing and landlord services, said: "I am pleased that work to demolish the empty flats and houses on Beechtrees has begun, making way for new houses.

"This demolition work represents a significant step forward for the Beechtrees Revival Scheme."

The flats can be found on both sides of Beechtrees and north of Bishop Martin CofE Primary School.

In planning documents for the application Arcus Consulting states: "Following the structural assessment of the flats, it has been deemed not cost effective to repair the dilapidated concrete panels and demolition and replacement with contemporary energy efficient housing is the preferred solution."

The proposed homes would be two storeys in height and semi-detached with two bedrooms.

A new footpath, parallel to the existing highway, would be built to give easy access to all the front doors.

All the homes would have parking at the front, or adjacent to the front doors.

The plan is to remove all the trees in the development as the "majority are unsuitable" for retention in domestic gardens. They will be replaced by trees which are "more suited" to be in a domestic garden.

Arcus Consulting adds that, "the area is a low probability of flooding."

Pupils learn how life was for youngsters in the Second World War

MEMBERS of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association visited Moorside Community Primary School to talk about the Second World War.

The group all served in the armed forces and land army and brought into school a display of different items from the war.

Youngsters had the chance to look and touch the items and try on different uniforms.

The veterans also explained what young people would take with them during evacuation.

Alan Lewis, the chairman of the Skelmersdale Veterans' Association said: "The young people learnt about the Second World War and how children were evacuated from cities like Belfast, Liverpool, Manchester, Newcastle, Birmingham and London.

"We also explained what children had to do when they were sent to other families in the countryside.

"The children would have to work on the farm, help in the fields and feed the animals.

"They would have left home with one small suitcase and all the clothes they had.

"The youngsters were also issued with a small box with a gas mask and a luggage tag.

"On the tag was a reference number of where they had come from, and written on it as well was their name and age. They had a post card too, which they could send to their parents on arrival.

Pupils with some of the equipment that was on display

"Many young people were evacuated to Australia and never saw their family again."

Alan brought along the medals of his grandfather and his own medals. The children were also interested in his MBE.

Pupils met veteran Margaret Nind who was a land army volunteer and helped on the home front.

Alan added: "We would like to say thank you to Moorside school staff and pupils who were fantastic hosts."

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BT promise village will have ultrafast broadband in January

Report by **Henry James**

BT has denied accusations made by Crawford residents that they started and then abandoned installing fibre optic cables in the village.

Richard Rudin, from Oakleigh, believed that BT staff were working on the project in the area at the start of last month, but that the scheme has now been scrapped.

However BT said "ultrafast" fibre broadband will be available to order in Oakleigh in January.

Mr Rudin said: "Work had gone on for some time in large parts of the village installing fibre optic cables, but that has now stopped.

"The broadband speeds in Crawford are extremely low and you can't get cable TV. The broadband speed is at its worst after 5pm.

Crawford village has internet connection problems.

"In our house, we have times where we have only one person using the Wi-Fi, so we can get a decent connection. I don't know what it would be like for someone who had a small business and worked from home.

"I wonder when we will catch up with the rest of the country? We are still in the 20th century and are behind what other parts of the country have got.

"Crawford is not the back and beyond. We are a couple of miles from the motorway, 15 miles from Liverpool, and we don't live in the Orkney Islands."

A spokesperson for BT responded: "Fibre broadband is in the process of being installed to Oakleigh and will be available to order by January.

"It's Fibre to the Premises (FTTP) that's being installed, which is where fibre cable is laid all the way up to the property.

"This means that the houses in Oakleigh will be getting access to ultrafast speeds that are almost 30 times faster than the UK average, at up to one gigabit per second."

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Dog waste can now go in all bins, council say

WEST LANCS MP Rosie Cooper has received assurances by West Lancashire Borough Council over its dog waste disposal provision.

Following concerns raised by residents, the MP says she wrote to the council's Street Scene department and was told that it had been agreed that there would be no more 'dog waste' only bins but that any bin could now be used for dog waste.

This has led to an increase, not a reduction in the number of bins available for dog walkers to use, she said. It was also confirmed that bins have had stickers applied to inform the public of this.

Rosie Cooper MP said: "Residents have written to me expressing their concern about a reduction in the number of dog bins available for dog waste disposal.

"Having written to the council, I have been assured that the council has only recently agreed to allow dog waste to be disposed of in all bins across the borough, and not just the previous dog waste only bins.

"Stickers have been put on the bins to let residents know they can dispose of dog waste in the normal bin.

"This now means there is more receptacles available for residents and dog-walkers to make use of, which can only contribute positively to the environment."

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Councillor calls for bypass plans to take step forward

Report by **Kenny Parker**

HOPES have arisen that plans for a Burscough/Ormskirk bypass can take a step forward following a recent meeting between a local county councillor and county highway authorities.

Lancashire County Council (LCC) cabinet member for Highways, Keith Iddon, and County Councillor Eddie Pope discussed, along with other officers, a bypass taking traffic from Burscough Industrial Estate around Ormskirk directly to the M58 at Bickerstaffe.

This will now be discussed with officers from West Lancashire Borough Council to ensure it is included in proposals for the new Local Plan, which is currently being developed in conjunction with local borough councillors.

Eddie Pope, who is borough councillor for Newburgh, as well as county councillor for Burscough and Rufford, says that it is West Lancs borough's turn to have some major capital investment from the county council. He campaigned for the bypass during his election to the county council.

The recent development also follows a call from West Lancs MP Rosie Cooper for local authorities to have detailed plans in place for when funds from central government become available for the Major Road Network (MRN).

The government has said that billions of pounds is to be set aside for the MRN, allowing areas across the country to bid for infrastructure funding for vital local roads.

Bpass would help solve many problems of traffic flowing through Burscough and avoid the need for heavy traffic to enter Ormskirk. This, he says, would have the advantage of solving the considerable problem faced in relation to the Derby Street bridge over the railway, which currently has a weight restriction, and reduce traffic going up St.Helens Road thereby assisting with the traffic flow passing Edge Hill University.

Cllr Pope said: "LCC highway officers will be working on planning an exact route over coming months with further meetings planned to assess the options. This would be of great benefit to the communities of Burscough and Ormskirk and provide the first major capital expenditure scheme in many years for West Lancashire to help justify some of the £42m that is paid into LCC each year from residents."

County Councillor Eddie Pope has met with County Council Cabinet Member for Highways Keith Iddon to discuss plans for a Burscough/Ormskirk bypass.

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Student parking causing a danger, claim residents

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A NUMBER of residents who live close to Edge Hill University are worried that students who park off-campus are causing a safety hazard.

They say that due to vehicles parking on Vicarage Lane, to the rear of the university campus, off Ruff Lane, there is not enough room for other vehicles to pass each other.

They also claim that pedestrians are more at risk of being hit by a moving vehicle due to the congestion. "It's dangerous," said one resident, "somebody is going to get hurt."

The same resident acknowledged that there may be occasions such as registration when the parking issue is exacerbated but asked why the university does not create more parking space to accommodate students' vehicles.

A spokesperson for Edge Hill University said: "The demand for parking on campus fluctuates as a result of attendance patterns and the core events planned on campus at any one time. In particular the start of each academic term is particularly challenging, and we encourage all campus users to choose alternative modes of transport during that period if possible.

"The university is unable to create any additional car parking facilities on campus due to conditions imposed by West Lancashire Borough Council and Lancashire County Council. We encourage all campus users to use alternative modes of transport whenever possible and recommend that the local Council-owned parking facilities are used if necessary.

"We say to any campus users who choose to park legally on the public highway that they should do so safely and considerately in accordance with the Highway Code and any local parking restrictions - paying particular care and attention in local residential areas."

Students are parking on Vicarage Lane which is situated to the rear of Edge Hill University.

Friends open baby scan business

A TRIO of NHS sonographers have set up a state-of-the-art ultrasound 3D and 4D foetus imaging service n Burscough.

The three friends, Julie Mitchell, 56, from Burscough, Alison Higham, 56, from Ormskirk, and Amanda Stewart, 54, from Tarleton, hope their new business will become a hub for pregnant mothers in the Burscough area.

The women are also offering various services including baby massaging and baby first aid, as well as a scanning service for pregnant women at various stages of pregnancy, including 4D scanning for women beyond 24 weeks. 4D scans show 3D images of the baby actually moving.

All of the women are fully qualified NHS trained sonographers, and Alison and Amanda are still working for the NHS. Amanda once appeared on the Jeremy Kyle show where she showed a pregnant woman her unborn child in an effort to stop substance abuse.

Julie said: "We were having a chat and thought it would be nice to open up a business together. We have been friends for so many years."

'My Baby Scan' which is situated at Burscough Wharf, is registered with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and all sonographers are registered with the health and Care professions Council (HCPC).

Sonographer friends Julie Mitchell, Mandy Stewart and Alison Higham have set up a state-of-the-art baby scanning service in Burscough.

Beers from around the world arrive at Ormskirk pub

BEERS from the UK as well as Australia, USA, South Africa, Sweden and Spain will be available at The Court Leet in Ormskirk during its Beer Festival.

The pub in Wheatsheaf Walk will be serving a range of beers during the festival, which runs from Wednesday, October 11 to Sunday, October 22 inclusive.

The line-up includes new, seasonal and specialty beers as well as those brewed exclusively for the festival.

There are also beers flavoured with pink grapefruit, coffee, chocolate, tobacco and toffee. Customers will be able to sample any three of the real ales in special third-of-a-pint glasses for the price of a pint.

Pub manager Lisa Newton said: "We are promising our customers a superb range of beers from overseas which have been brewed especially for the festival, together with some great beers from brewers across the UK.

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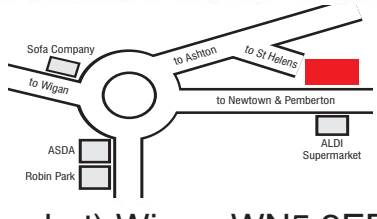

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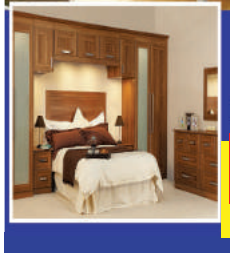

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Potential foster carers invited to information event at County Hall

Report by **Henry James**

Around 20 children in Lancashire need homes each week - council

PEOPLE thinking about becoming a foster carer are invited to an information evening in Preston to find out more.

The event will be held on Wednesday, October 18 at County Hall, on Fishergate Hill in Preston, from 6pm to 7.30pm.

Members of Lancashire County Council's fostering team, as well as social workers and current foster carers, will be available to answer questions, talk them through the process, and offer advice.

The county council has recently increased the allowances payable to new foster carers so now they can expect to receive between £241 and £415 per week for each child they care for.

People who have considered fostering before but weren't sure they could afford it are advised to come along to an information evening and find out if it could now be a viable option.

County Councillor Susie Charles, cabinet member for children, young people and schools, said: "With around 20 Lancashire children needing homes each week, we need to recruit new foster carers.

"We have increased our allowances to foster carers this year in recognition of their valuable role in providing loving homes for the children in our care. There is also a rising demand for placements with more children and young people coming into the care of the local authority each week.

County Cllr Susie Charles

"We are looking for people who can foster all ages of children, particularly siblings who need to stay together and teenagers. No formal experience or qualifications are needed, all we ask is that you have a spare room available and a desire to make a difference to a local child's life."

A package of support is available 24/7 to help foster carers in their role, including local support groups, their own social worker, a dedicated helpline and flexible training.

Residents unable to come along on the night, should call the fostering recruitment team on 0300 123 6723 or visit the website www.lancashire.gov.uk/fostering

There is no need to book for the fostering information evening - people can just turn up, but should arrive early to avoid disappointment.

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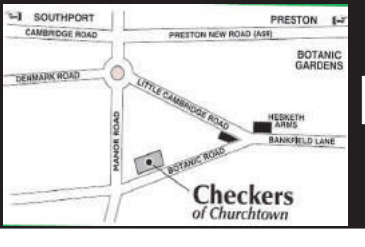

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Priory college staff set their sights on raising funds for village in Uganda

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A GROUP of teachers from Burscough Priory Science College are busy raising funds for a trip to Uganda.

In conjunction with St John the Baptist Church in Burscough and charity 'International Needs' teachers Vicky Knapper, Rebecca Kilbey, and Alex Rimmer, along with former Priory High teacher Patrick Furlong, will be going to Buiwkein Uganda next February to further previous charitable work done by the church in the country.

Their work has included building wells and providing resources for the village communities as well as sponsoring children in need and taking food and clothing packages to families in poverty.

Library

The teachers are now raising money so that as well as adding to and continuing their earlier work, they can fund the creation of a library for the village schools. The teachers also hope to teach in the village schools and educate teachers in Uganda about the different teaching methods used in England.

To raise money for the latest project the teachers held a 12-hour charity fundraising match at Burscough Sports Centre.

The football match was manned by a mixture of Priory staff, former pupils and friends of the school.

Vicky said: "This is a cause which we are really passionate about and we are keen to make a change, however big or small, to the lives of the people we meet.

"Having run successful trips before, St Johns Church will be coordinating the trip and the agenda is pretty hectic with lots of places to visit and people to help."

Teachers at Burscough Priory Science College, Rebecca Kilbey and Vicky Knapper, who are heading out to do charitable work in Uganda next year.

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Walking footballers compete in tournament in Portugal

WALKING footballers from West Lancashire are competing in a tournament in Portugal.

All the players are over the age of 50 and play regularly at Edge Hill Sports campus and as they live in Aughton, Ormskirk, Burscough and Skelmersdale, the team is simply called West Lancs. It is the first time that West Lancs have been represented at this annual tournament.

The club are grateful to Howdens Joinery, Ormskirk who provided them with socks, shorts and shirts.

Paul Williams, the branch manager, said: "We are delighted to help these guys and we wish them every success."

There are walking football sessions at Edge Hill University at 12.30pm to 1.30pm on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Walking Football was first played in 2011 by the Chesterfield FC Community. However it was a 2014 Barclays TV ad featuring a bloke called Roy extolling the wonders of walking football that took the sports to the masses.

The activity is popular with regard to health benefits because it encourages middle aged and senior aged men to participate in exercise they would not normally do. It is said to be a good way of getting over leg and hip injuries, as it is played at a slow pace and can be seen as low-impact football at a walking pace.

The number of walking football clubs registered in the UK has now doubled to more than 800 in the last year.

Graham Lucy from the group said: "Walking Football was invented to inspire men over 50 to get more exercise and counter social isolation, and now thousands of older men – and some women – are now rediscovering the joys of football by playing it at a more leisurely pace."

The Over 50's Walking Football players - on their way to play in Portugal.

Older people urged to apply for winter fuel payments

...if they have deferred their state pension...

NATIONAL poverty charity 'Turn2us' is warning older people who have deferred their State Pension to apply for the Winter Fuel Payment.

Every Winter it is contacted by older people who are eligible for, but not receiving, between £100 and £300 to help with their heating bills.

Turn2us says that while those born on or before August 5 1953 are entitled to the Winter Fuel Payment, those who have deferred their State Pension won't get it paid automatically and will need to make a claim.

The warning comes as figures released by the Department for Work and Pensions reveal that 252,450 people in Lancashire received the Winter Fuel Payment last Winter.

People usually get a Winter Fuel Payment automatically if they are eligible and get the State Pension or another social security benefit (not Housing Benefit, Council Tax Reduction, Child Benefit or Universal Credit). How much people get depends on their circumstances. Most payments are made automatically between November and December and any money people get is tax-free and won't affect their other benefits.

Urging older people who have deferred their State Pension to apply for the Winter Fuel Payment, Simon Hopkins, chief executive of Turn2us, said: "We see a rise in people seeking our help every Winter as they struggle under the pressure of increased energy costs. Too many are forced to make the difficult choice between heating and eating.

"It is therefore vital that people receive the help with their Winter energy costs that they are entitled to, particularly older people whose health is especially vulnerable to living in a cold home."

People should telephone the Winter Fuel Payment Centre to claim on 03459 15 15 15 (Textphone 0345 606 0285), which is open 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. They should have their National Insurance number and bank or building society details when they call.

Charity urging older people to apply for Winter Fuel Payment

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Not fair to blame the people doing hard, demanding work

I'm not claiming that the noise, fumes and disruption in the wake of installation of fibre-optic broadband have not been obnoxious, but Derek's Wright's letter in last week's Champion was totally unfair.

He says that the contractors have no respect for residents, are 'rude' to them and leave the town 'in a distressed state'. He claims that drains have been blocked. Really?

I've spoken to a number of workers for the contractors and they've been concerned to ensure that the restoration of pavements leaves them in their original condition.

Moreover, they've been cheerful and helpful. We may not love the organisations bringing us high-speed internet connections but it's not fair to blame the people doing this hard and demanding work.

John Watt,
Ormskirk

I've been blessed to live in a Europe generally at peace

In a column supposedly about our relations with Europe, (Champion, October 4) Jim Sharpe mentions Hitler twice and Nazi Germany once.

Last year I marched through Manchester, under British and EU flags, to remember my grandad's two brothers who died on the Somme and the 70 million killed or dead as a result of war in the early 20th century.

In my own 70 years, I've been blessed to live in a Europe generally at peace. This is largely because of the determination of fellow Europeans that this must never happen again.

As a result Britain has had to look for fights elsewhere: Iraq, Afghanistan, Libya all spring to mind.

Let's say a prayer for our troops killed or wounded this century in these useless conflicts.

David Pryer
Parbold

A remedy for homemade weed control!

I have read articles on the subject of weed control, and would like to make a suggestion to remedy weeds growing in gutters which is compatible with the environment and community spirit, as follows:

1. Walk to the edge of the pavement in front of your property, holding a bucket or similar receptacle.
2. When it is safe to do so bend down and, with thumb and forefinger, pull out the offending vegetation.
3. Place the vegetation in the bucket and place it in a green waste bin or composter.
4. Return to the house and wash hands
5. Repeat the same process for any neighbours who due to age or physical incapacity are unable to carry out this procedure.

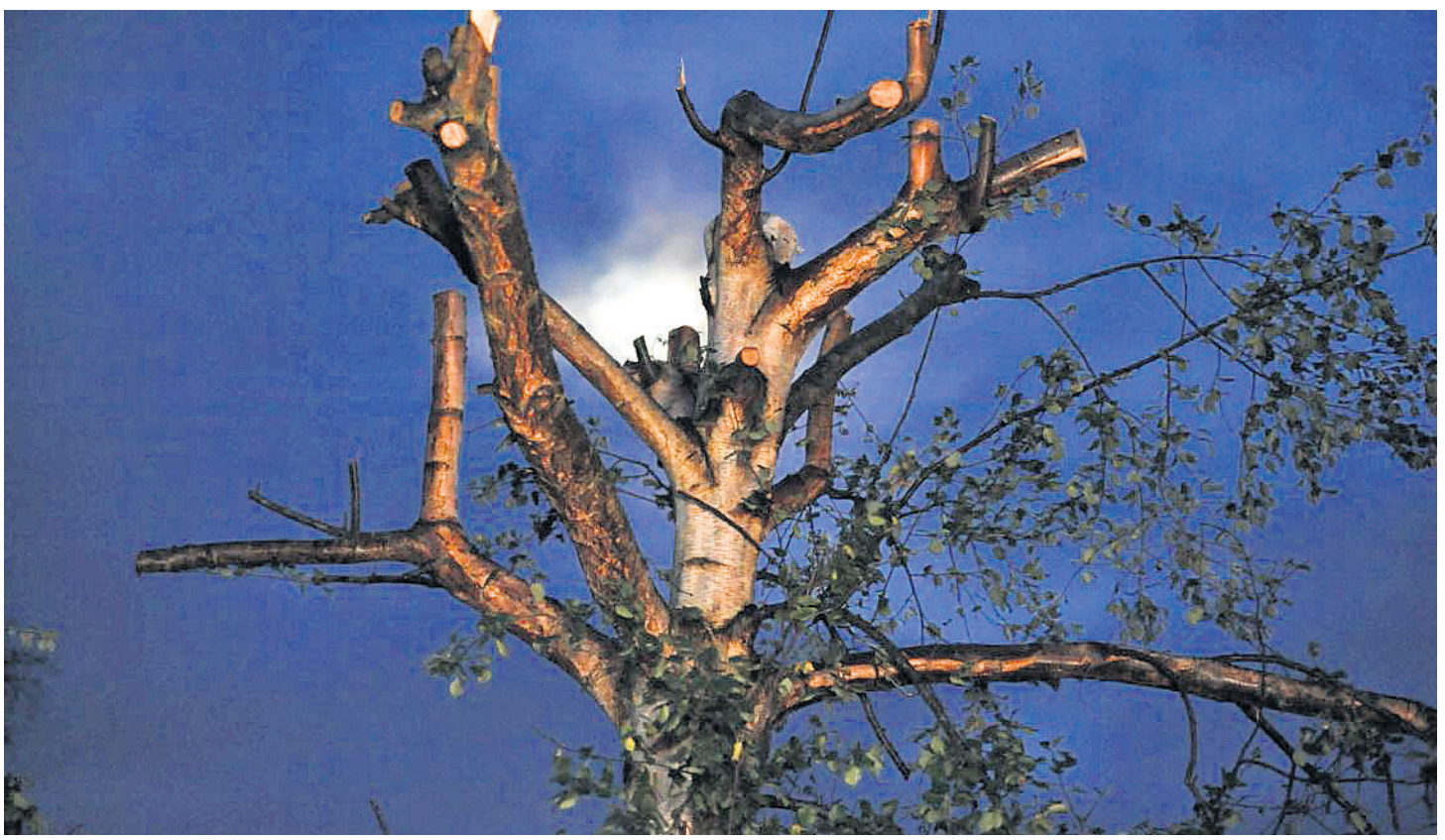
I have just received a flyer showing a photo of a gutter filled with weeds in front of a number of properties.

In the time taken by the photographer to take and reproduce this photo, the weeds could all have been removed using the technique suggested above.

Unfortunately, as with a lot of things in life these days, people will undoubtedly respond to my suggestion by saying 'It's not my job'.

JG
(By email)

PICTURE of the week



With Halloween just a few weeks away, last weekend's Harvest Moon cast an eerie glow over an early dawn. Picture by Martyn Snape.

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I'll continue to ride my bicycle where I see fit

IN reply to Mr Elliot and his trauma with Lycra-clad cyclists not using cycle tracks.

I, sir, do not own a car, and furthermore don't even drive but there are still times when erratic and potentially dangerous driving etiquette makes me use some terrible expletives.

You sound typical of the petrol head road-hogging elite that blight nearly every road in West Lancashire and beyond, and that believe the road is for motor vehicles. How misguided.

The fact is we cyclists don't have to use cycle tracks, which are often badly maintained, and are often full of broken glass, hawthorn cuttings etc etc.

We can ride two-a-breast to the width of a car, and around three feet out from the curb.

Let's not forget that the cycle existed before the car and is a green form of transport unlike the vehicle you choose to drive.

Let's also not forget that the vehicle tax you pay hasn't paid towards the highways and byways of this country since the 1930's.

I live in Aughton and I shall continue to ride where I see fit, within the remit of the Highway Code, which many a car driver certainly needs to revisit.

Let's hope we don't meet, as I don't carry my swear jar on my daily commute .

Pedro bobkat
(by email)

Attempts at council savings? No such luck!

THE recent kerfuffle about the mayoral car suggested attempts at council savings.

No such luck! As there are two councillors carrying out the so-called 'duties' of this exalted office.

Yes, West Lancs, one of the smallest council areas with, pro rata, most councillors, have a Mayor and a Deputy Mayor

The mayor, Councillor Neil Furey and the deputy mayor, Councillor Noel Delaney, both with gold chains and ladies, are touring the area opening ground-breaking events, like school open nights and summer fayres, as reported in the Champion.

Wonder if they are car sharing?

Graham Walker, Up Holland

Nightmare visit to park toilets

HAVING recently needed the use of Ormskirk park toilets, I can only say how ashamed I was to think that all the visitors that come here think that's the best we can do!

They are disgusting.

Come on Ormskirk get your act together - even if we paid to go in a light, clean environment then I for one would.

If you haven't been to these loos, I would say 'don't bother' and save yourself a nightmare!

How very inconsiderate of working folk to disturb our students

REGARDING the letter 'Once a Quiet town' published recently.

I completely agree with Maurice George.

The sheer audacity of hard working tax paying people complaining about a few dozen chanting drunks students rampaging through the town and streets in the early hours of the morning, amazes me.

These teachers, doctors, nurses, shop keepers and good working folk then have the cheek to make a noise during the working day when these revellers are trying to sleep.

How inconsiderate is that!

Just how are these students going to recoup their strength for the next bash. You workers, need to be much more considerate towards these revellers and remember you were young once, stop it.

Peter Reeves
(by email)

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Sporting Challenge stages talent show fundraiser

A WEST Lancashire charity which provides sports and recreational activities for people in the borough with learning disabilities, is hosting a talent show to raise much-need funds.

Burscough-based Sporting Challenge will stage the event - their first - at the village's Royal British Legion club in Lord Street on Saturday, October 14.

Members of the group will provide the entertainment and there will also be a raffle draw on the night.

The show is scheduled to start at 7.30pm and tickets are £5.

Edward McCarthy, Sporting Challenge activities co-ordinator, said: "Everyone has been practising a great deal.

"This is the first event of this kind that we have put on and we are really hoping a lot of people will come along and show their support on what we are sure will be a memorable night."

Anyone requiring tickets or further information about the event or the charity can contact Edward on 07971 299606 or email him at EMSS@gmail.com.

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It's best to dress smart when the occasion suits

THIS is a Tale of Two Cities.

Not London and Paris, rather Brighton and Manchester, the respective venues for our two major political parties' annual conferences.

And how different they were. Not because of the policies they revealed nor really in the skill or otherwise of those who revealed them.

No, the difference lay in the delegates.

Watching the Brighton conference on telly I was confronted with a stamping, hooting, chanting mob who looked more like an unruly student gathering than anything else.

In Manchester we had a largely attentive audience dressed in suits or smart outfits, who applauded when pleased with what they heard and glumly silent if they weren't.

Now I know that I am probably a silly old reactionary, but I would have thought those attending the annual meeting of their party could at least dress respectfully and listen ditto.

Why is it that for some people, it is quite alright for football managers to wear suits when making public appearances (and their players too when on public parade), but for just about anyone else suits mean they must be 'toffs'?

A few years ago I had a bet with a senior Maghull town councillor as to which of us would be the first not to wear a suit at council meetings.

This wasn't snobbery, this was all about respect for the institution that made decisions on behalf of the people they represented at a time when one by one other councillors were adopting casual wear.

I won the bet by default - my opponent lost his seat (and my town lost one of its best councillors).

But I am well aware of changing fashions and my suit gets far less wear now than it used to.

But if for some reason I was invited to attend a national conference on behalf of the people of my town, it would be out again like a shot.

And likewise, I would very probably walk out of any conference if my fellow delegates thought the way to proceed was to yell silly slogans and behave like a pack of unruly hooligans.

For that matter, if I were delivering a speech I would not stand grinning happily if my audience started chanting my name.

Surely, politicians should show some respect not only for the body they represent, but also for those with opinions different to their own?

It seems to me these days 'free speech' really means you are allowed to express any view you like, so long as it is the politically correct one.

During the conference season one Labour delegate who said she could never have a friend who was a Tory.

I don't know what kind of friends these people have - one of the pleasures of true friendship so far as I am concerned is the ability to have arguments with them without falling out.

Never mind some of my best friends having been black or gay, some of them have actually been rabid socialists! Shock, horror!

One of my best friends was my late brother.

We disagreed about all kinds of things and argued frequently.

But if you say you cannot be friends with anyone who disagrees with your views, does that mean that a Liverpool supporter can never have a friendly pint with a supporter of Everton? Or, I suppose, anyone of one faith can never be friends with those of another.

Really it does sound petty and silly to me - but then, what do I know? I am not a prospective MP, so perhaps I am allowed to continue my friendships with folk who are Labour or Lib Dems, misguided though I might think them.

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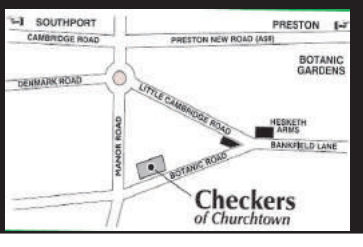

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Borough council joins pledge to tackle violence against women

Councillor Kevin Wright wearing a white ribbon to show his support for the campaign to end violence against women.

Report by **Kenny Parker**

WEST Lancashire Borough Council has shown its commitment to tackling domestic abuse by helping Lancashire lead the way in a major international movement.

The White Ribbon Campaign is a worldwide movement to end male violence against women.

Starting in Canada in 1991 and opening a branch in the UK in 2004, the campaign has as its symbol a white ribbon and wearing one is a personal pledge never to commit, condone or remain silent about violence against women.

For an organisation to gain White Ribbon accreditation, it must develop an action plan to raise awareness of the Violence Against Women and Girls campaign.

Along with all of the local councils in Lancashire, West Lancs authority has joined the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Lancashire Police in becoming accredited as White Ribbon organisations.

This has led to Lancashire becoming the first White Ribbon county in the UK.

Key points in the borough council's action plan to tackle male violence against women include: implementing a domestic abuse policy for all its staff, ensuring its training strategy includes domestic abuse awareness training for all relevant frontline staff, and working with local sports clubs and music venues on how they can inform men about violence against women and girls and encourage them to challenge it.

Borough Councillor Kevin Wright, Portfolio Holder for Health and Community Safety, said: "I am delighted that West Lancashire Borough Council has played a part in making Lancashire the first White Ribbon county. The borough council's action plan shows our commitment to this campaign against domestic violence and we will continue to work with partners to tackle this terrible crime."

Dave Tilleray, Chairman of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, said: "The partnership is happy to support the White Ribbon Campaign and we hope men will make their stand to condemn violence against women."

The county bid for White Ribbon Campaign status for Lancashire was co-ordinated by the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Clive Grunshaw, Lancashire's Police and Crime commissioner, said: "Violence against women and girls is unacceptable and shockingly over 90% of domestic abuse is witnessed by children. This has to stop and anything we can do to tackle the issue and get people talking about it has to be a good thing."

As well as backing the White Ribbon Campaign, the borough council is active in tackling domestic violence issues in other ways.

The authority is playing a leading role in the 'Don't be a bystander' campaign which aims to encourage people who think that a friend, relative or colleague is suffering from domestic violence, to get support, advice or assistance.

It also gives some financial support to The Liberty Centre (formerly Domestic Violence Support Services West Lancashire) and has assisted with successful funding applications by the centre to the government and other organisations.

Martin Mere to launch photography competition

Martin Mere has launched a photography competition to showcase the best wildlife on display at the centre.

People can upload their best snap taken at the centre over the past year for their chance to win camera equipment.

Centre manager, Nick Brooks, said: "Many of you take photos of the wildlife you see at Martin Mere and, this autumn, we want to see them. The basics are simple, if you are over 18, if it's digital, if it's of wildlife and was taken at WWT Martin Mere in 2017 it will be eligible.

To enter the competition upload your best pictures taken at the centre in 2017 to Flickr group Martin Mere: Photography Competition 2017.

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MP re-elected to powerful Commons health watchdog

WEST Lancs MP Rosie Cooper has been re-elected to the House of Commons Health Select Committee.

Parliamentary select committees are among the most powerful and influential bodies in Westminster, tasked with holding the Government, Cabinet and other agencies to account for their actions.

The Health Select Committee can choose to scrutinise plans and actions by the Department of Health, and Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, as well as NHS bodies, the Care Quality Commission (CQC) and other related organisations.

The Conservatives' Dr Sarah Wollaston chairs the 11-member committee which has already launched two separate inquiries into the current and future scale of the shortfall of nursing staff, and the proposed post-Brexit arrangements to guarantee supply of medicines, devices, and products.

Rosie Cooper said: "It is a privilege and an honour to yet again be elected to the Commons Health Select Committee by my colleagues and I thank them for their continued support.

"Much of my political career has centred around health issues, from increasing access to improving care and exposing malpractice. Our National Health Service is something I care deeply about.

Rosie Cooper

"Having been elected to this committee before, I know full well the importance of the work it does in ensuring we are holding the Health Secretary, and other NHS bodies to account for decisions made about our NHS.

"Already we are getting on with the real work of addressing the issues around the nursing staff shortfall and ensuring we are as fully prepared as we can be as we move towards Brexit ensuring our access to and the supply of vital medicines."

Labour MP Ms Cooper has been involved in health issues and the health service for the past 30 years. including as a member and vice-chair of Liverpool Health Authority and chair of Liverpool Women's Hospital, successfully delivering Foundation Trust status for the hospital in 2005.

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In 2007 she was Parliamentary Private Secretary (PPS) to then Health Minister Ben Bradshaw. She was also a trustee of the Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation, introducing the entertainer to the Moores family which led to the only dedicated Lung Cancer Research Centre in the world associated with the University of Liverpool.

Ms Cooper is also a former director of the Merseyside Centre for Deaf People and most recently she has campaigned against the threat to A&E at Southport and Ormskirk Hospital Trust and against privatisation of the NHS, particularly West Lancashire NHS CCG's decision to remove services from the local hospital and award the contracts to Virgin Healthcare.

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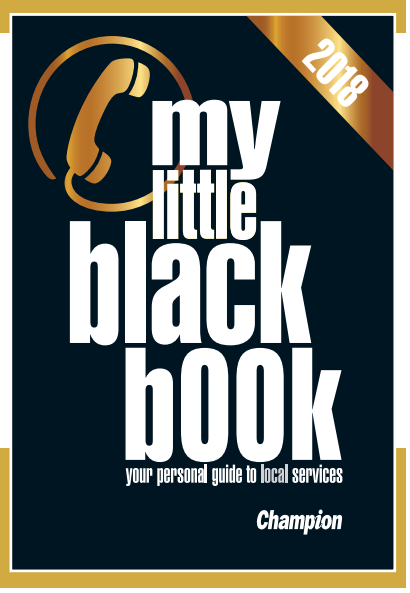

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From left to right: Mel Street, Nadine Street, Amie Birkett, Cameron Birkett, Paul Harries, Tara Hoy, Rachel Birkett, Jonny Birkett and young son Obi Birkett, holding the award

Wayfarer family win Lancashire award

A FAMILY pub in Parbold has beaten stiff competition to scoop a major business award, in it's first year of entering.

The Wayfarer, on Alder Lane, won Family Business of the Year at The Be Inspired Business Awards (BIBAs) Lancashire's largest and longest running awards programme, run by the North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce.

Owned by Parbold couple, Mel and Nadine Street, co-owned and managed by daughter Rachel Birkett alongside husband Jonny Birkett, the family got together for a double toast as the country pub also celebrated a landmark birthday.

Rachel Birkett, said:"We celebrated the 20th birthday of The Wayfarer and then won the award for Family Business of the Year in the same week! The award win is a shock and an honour for the three generations of our family actively working in the business, and our wider staff family too.

"We work hard to provide a place for other families to come together over high quality food, locally brewed beer and a warm welcoming atmosphere. It is brilliant to have our hard work recognised."

Rachel Birkett was also personally recognised at the BIBAs, shortlisted for the Business Person of the Year award for her own inspirational story.

Between the age of 16-21, Rachel was estranged from her family. In 1997, still estranged from her parents, Rachel was offered an olive branch and the chance to reconcile with her family, receiving an invitation to the opening of the pub after they bought it. She was offered a job as a waitress and has managed the pub for the last ten of her 20 year career within the family business. She has been credited for the strategic and creative growth of the country pub. She is also the inspiration behind the name of The Wayfarer's in-house beer, Problem Child Brewing.

Aughton restaurant lands coveted Michelin star

Report by **Kenny Parker**

AN AUGHTON fine-dining restaurant is firmly establishing itself at the table of the UK's top eating placesafter being awarded a Michelin star just sevenmonths after opening

Moor Hall,on Prescot Road,won a place on The Good Food Guide's top 50 restaurants in August and more recently won two design awards.

Last week The Michelin Guide Great Britain & Ireland 2018 unveiled theselection of restaurants to have received its coveted honours and Moor Hall was one of 150 restaurants to be awarded one Michelin star.

On being awarded the Michelin star Chorley-born Mark Birchall, Chef Patron at Moor Hall, said: "It has been a tremendous team effort. We are a young business, but our chefs and front-of-house staff have remarkable backgrounds and experience that has come together to make Moor Hall very focused on delivering a special customer experience." Mark is no stranger to the distinguished accolade. Previously he was Executive Chef at the Michelin two star L'Enclume in Cumbria, which until this year was the The GoodFood Guide's top restaurant for five years.

While at L'Enclume Mark won the Roux Scholarship, the premier competition for chefs in the UK in 2011; and he also worked at a three Michelin star restaurant twice voted the world's best - El Celler de Can Roca, Girona.

Moor Hall is a refurbished Grade II listed gentry house built in the 1500s.

It has recently undergone a multi million pound renovation after being taken over by new owners Andy and Tracey Bellin 2015.

The work to turn the property into a thriving restaurant with accommodation earned it two coveted accolades last month in the 2017 West Lancashire Design Awards.

Prior to that it was placed at number 26 in the The Good Food Guide'sTop 50 UK restaurants for 2018, which made it the highest ranking restaurant in Lancashire.

A barn on the estate, which occupies five acres and includes a lake,has been refurbished and will provide a bar and "casual dining experience". It is due to open on October 25.

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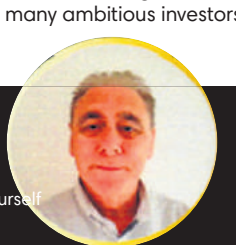

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National awards for West Lancs nursery group pair

Report by **Kenny Parker**

A NURSERY group based in West Lancashire has celebrated picking up two industry awards in London.

Sarah Fillingham, group area manager for Portico Nursery Group Ltd won Nursery Operations/Regional Manager of the Year award, while colleague Joan Jobe won Highly Commended Nursery Manager Of The Year at the Nursery World Awards 2017.

Portico Nursery Group is a group of eight private nurseries situated across West Lancashire, Knowsley, and St Helens, with its business office based in Ormskirk. Set up 14 years ago it is directed by brother and sister Nicole Politis and Craig Jackson, who are from Ormskirk.

The West Lancs nurseries are Portico Kindergarten, which is situated in the grounds of Town Green Primary School, Aughton, Portico at West End, which is attached to West End Primary School, Ormskirk, and Portico St Johns which is found at St Johns Children's Centre in Skelmersdale.

Five of the group's nurseries are rated by Ofsted as 'Outstanding'.

Company Director Nicole Politis said: "The Nursery World Awards showcase the very best practice in the early years sector, and reward professionals who work so hard to support young children and their families.

"I am very proud of Sarah and Joan. They have done exceptionally well to be given these highly prestigious national awards when the competition was so fierce.

Award winning Sarah Fillingham and Joan Jobe, area manager and nursery manager for Portico Nursery Group.

"Sarah and Joan's awards are fantastic recognition of the excellent work they do on a daily basis, and they thoroughly deserve them."

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Bruno to give talk at charity event

Former heavyweight boxer to give insight into his career

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

BOXING legend Frank Bruno will be talking about his glittering career at a special charity fundraiser in Southport.

Boxer Sean Crowley and the team at Jab Boxing Gym on New Court Way in Ormskirk have organised the Christmas Lunch fundraiser, which will include a raffle and auction at the Ramada Plaza Hotel on The Promenade in Southport from 2pm on Sunday, December 17 to raise funds for the Make a Wish Foundation.

Frank Bruno, MBE, 55, is a British former professional heavyweight boxer who competed from 1982 to 1996.

The height of his boxing career was winning the WBC heavyweight title, in his fourth world championship challenge.

He also held the European heavyweight title earlier in his career and faced top-rated heavyweights including two bouts with Mike Tyson and a clash against Lennox Lewis.

Bruno has remained a popular celebrity following his retirement from boxing.

The club is planning to become a long-term fundraiser for the foundation, which grants magical wishes for children and young people fighting life-threatening conditions, including starring in their own films, walking with dinosaurs, going on an amazing holiday or meeting a celebrity hero.

Sean said: "Do you fancy an afternoon in the company of former Heavyweight Champion of the World Frank Bruno? This is the perfect Christmas party with a difference or the ultimate Christmas Present for any boxing fan!

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Frank Bruno

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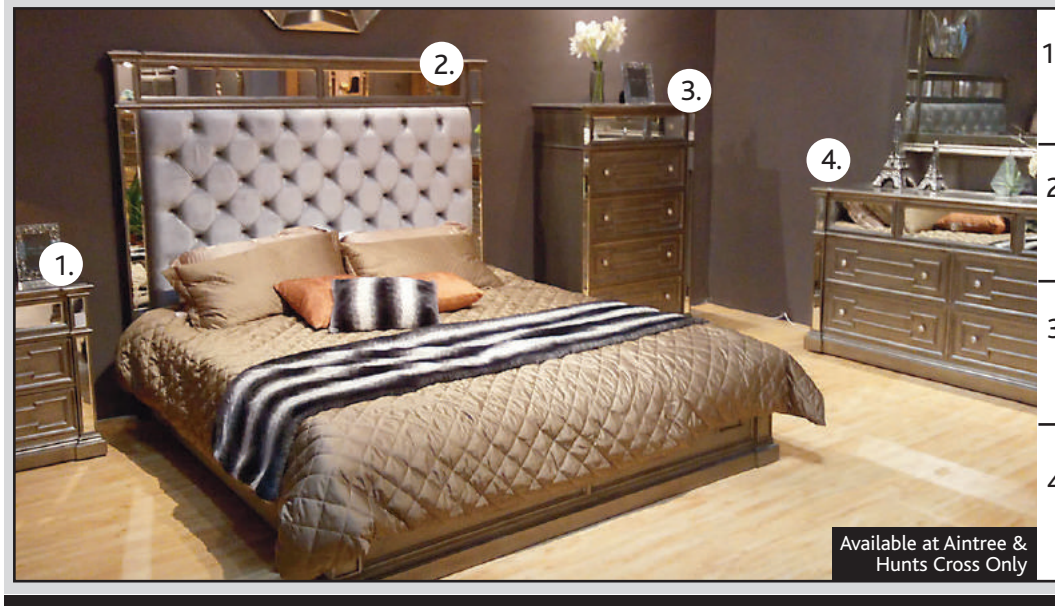

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Strategy for green spaces, walking and cycling routes adopted by council

A STRATEGY for green spaces, walking and cycling routes in West Lancashire has been adopted by the borough council.

The Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy aims to establish a high quality, accessible network of green infrastructure and cycling that links the Borough's major settlements with one another and with visitor attractions.

Green infrastructure is the connected network of open spaces, green corridors and inland waterways around the borough that can deliver a wide range of benefits, including providing wildlife habitats, creating an attractive environment and giving opportunities for sustainable forms of travel including walking and cycling with associated health benefits.

A public consultation on the draft strategy took place earlier this year. The responses were taken into account in making changes to produce the final published strategy.

The strategy contains a wide range of future projects and initiatives to be delivered over the coming years. This includes the

Councillor John Hodson

"West Lancashire Wheel' which would create a circular cycling route between Skelmersdale, Ormskirk, Burscough and Parbold by delivering two of four linear parks (Skelmersdale-Ormskirk and Ormskirk-Burscough) and by adding to and improving existing cycling routes. Two further linear parks are also planned as part of the strategy at Banks and along the River Douglas between Tarleton and Hesketh Bank.

The document will be used to guide planning decisions, allocate Community Infrastructure Levy monies towards projects and identify partners and other sources of funding to deliver schemes. The strategy will be updated as projects progress and new projects are identified and added in.

Cllr John Hodson, cabinet member for planning, said: "The council would like to thank people and organisations for their comments upon the draft Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy.

"The strategy has now been finalised and is an exciting vision that will help the council deliver impressive projects over the coming years to improve the environment, enhance opportunities for recreation and provide further opportunities for travel other than by car."

A copy of the adopted Green Infrastructure and Cycling Strategy can be found on the council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/gicstrategy For further details contact the Council's Strategic Planning and Implementation Team by calling 01695 585393 or by emailing localplan@westlancs.gov.uk

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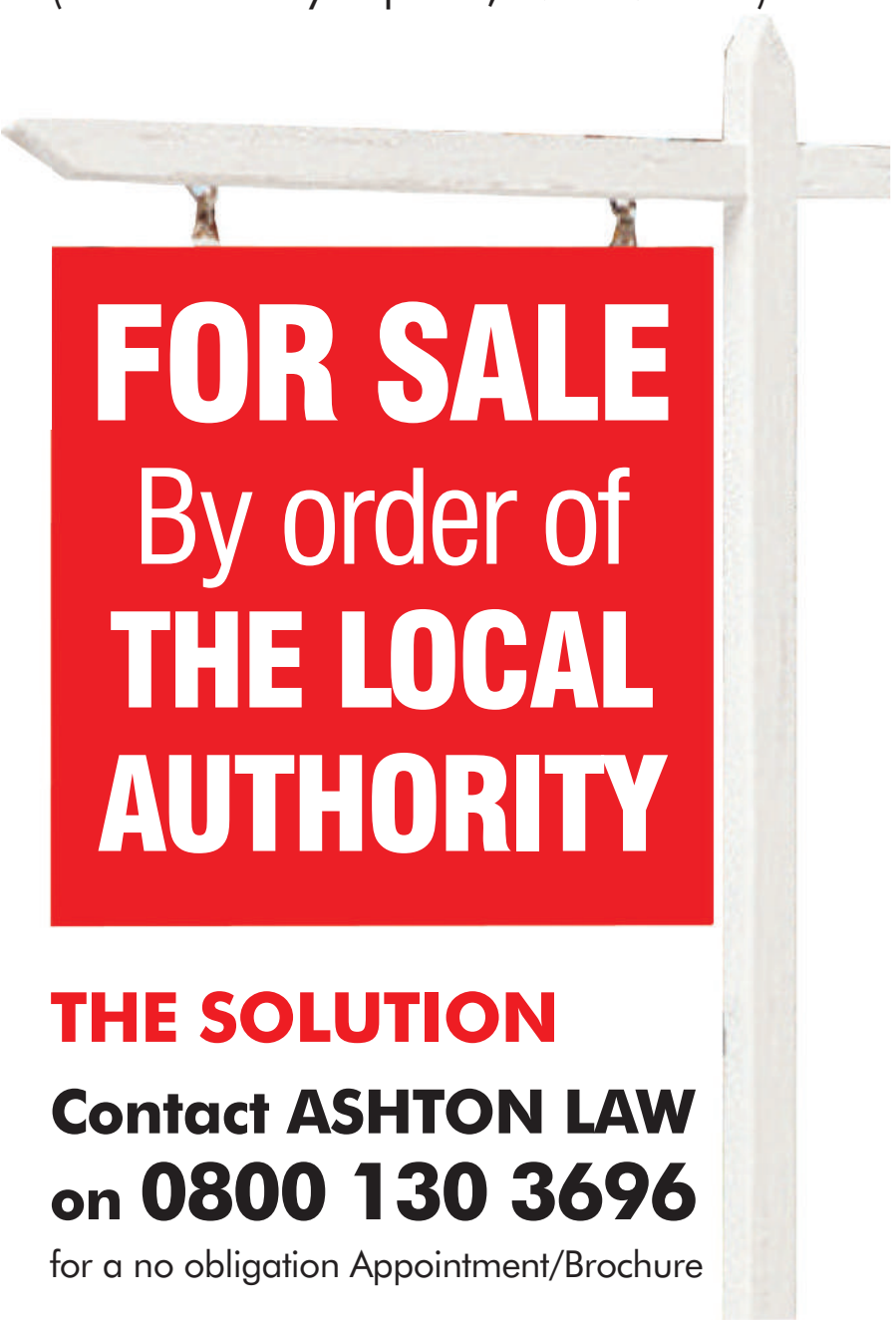

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St Joseph's Light up a Life campaign launched

Report by **Tom Martin**

Hospice's annual scheme invites people to remember loved ones

Sheila Stone at last year's service

ST Joseph's Hospice's annual Light up a Life appeal was launched last week to invite local families to remember their loved ones.

The remembrance ceremony and carol service will take place from 4pm on Sunday, December 10 and will be followed by a Christmas light switch-on.

But first, dedications can now be submitted to the Thornton-based hospice, which will be entered into the special Light up a Life dedication book. Memory hearts will also be available at the service to write a personal tribute to hang on the tree.

Every year, hundreds of local people dedicate a light on the hospice's Christmas tree to celebrate or remember the life of a friend, relative or colleague, whether they are no longer with us or just a long way away.

Mike Parr, Chief Executive of St Joseph's Hospice, said: "Light up a Life is a wonderful way to think about special people at Christmas time.

"It is a very festive occasion, not only for those who have a connection to the hospice but for anyone who would like to make a dedication to someone they love or have loved."

Last year, Sheila Stone, from Crosby, dedicated lights to her Aunty Joan and Uncle Dave who both died at the hospice in February 2016. She said: "I've been coming to Light up a Life since my mum died many years ago. Part of my heart is here because of all the wonderful work they do.

St Joseph's Hospice is just such a significant part of our local community."

Dedications can be made now by downloading a form from www.jospice.org.uk

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Animal sanctuary in call to make gardens hedgehog-friendly in run-up to hibernation

STAFF at a West Lancashire animal sanctuary are urging families to create hedgehog-friendly habitats in their gardens to help their prickly friends to put on weight ahead of hibernation.

Woodlands in Sandy Lane, Holmeswood cares for a wide variety of small domestic and farm animals, including hundreds of hedgehogs.

Sally McDerby from the sanctuary revealed that autumn is the most important time of the year for hedgehogs as they need to make the 'magic number' of 750g in body mass to be able to survive the winter.

She said: "Autumn for us can mean a whole range of things, from beautiful colours to cosy nights in watching your favourite TV programme and warming meals of comfort food.

"For hedgehogs, eating also factors highly on their agenda as they need to build up enough body mass for hibernation.

"Any that are poorly or young or baby hoglets that are born in this period will find it hard to survive because they are unable to accrue enough body mass in time.

"They generally only hibernate for around 10 days at a time, it is therefore essential that they are able to find enough food throughout the whole winter so that they can eat enough in between to maintain their weight for another successful hibernation.

"You can help by providing a hog-friendly habitat where they are safe, can find sufficient food and have enough space to get away from each other when needed, but to also find a suitable mate during mating season.

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"Hedgehogs are gardeners and pest controllers, feasting on insects, worms, centipedes, snails and slugs – and they even eat mice, frogs and snakes! You can save on pesticides and help an endangered species thrive again simply by making your garden hog-friendly.

"Hedgehogs can roam up to two miles in a single night, so if you could make just a small hole in your garden fence, around 13cm in diameter, this will enable them to travel from garden to garden avoiding our busy and deadly roads. If you could also encourage your neighbours to do the same we can create a safe hedgehog highway!

"Hedgehogs are nocturnal animals so if you should find a hog out during the day, would like to find out more about these quirky little critters or would like to do your bit to help their numbers increase again then visit woodlandsanimalsanctuary.org.uk/hedgehogs."

Edge Hill lecturer Andrea Wright (centre) pictured with archivists Karen Falk and Susie Tofte during her visit to the Jim Henson Company Archive

Lecturer's trip to see Muppets creator's archive

Rare glimpse into private collection will help Edge Hill project

AN Edge Hill lecturer has travelled across the Atlantic to catch a rare glimpse into the private archive of The Muppets' legendary creator Jim Henson as part of a new research project.

Andrea Wright, a senior lecturer in Film Studies at the Ormskirk university, spent a week delving into the unique and largely undiscovered archive to research Henson's connection to fairy tales.

With permission from his family through the Jim Henson Company Archive, Andrea travelled to Long Island City, New York, and was granted access to the collection and was able to see first-hand famous characters such as The Count and Elmo from Sesame Street.

She said: "It was amazing to see such a large and varied archive, passing famous puppets and props to look at sketch books, photos, storyboards and letters. The head archivist Karen Falk and the Henson family have been very supportive and I was able to meet Jim's daughter, Cheryl Henson, president of the Jim Henson Foundation.

"Despite Jim's evident influence on the screen fairy tale there is little academic work on his contribution to the genre. Henson was one of only a few innovators in the production of fairy tale film and television but has often been overlooked because of the dominance of Disney.

"There has been little done to cement Henson's place as one of, if not the, most important fairy tale visionaries of the late 20th century."

Andrea's research will focus on Henson's fairy tales, concentrating on those made during his lifetime and also his legacy and continued impact on the genre.

She added: "Henson's early work in the 1950/60s was very experimental and avant garde. Right from the start of his career, fairy tales and folklore clearly influenced his work and he created pilot television programmes, as well as special adaptions of classic fairy tales such as 'Hey, Cinderella!' in 1969 featuring the Muppets and using Kermit the Frog as a traditional storyteller figure.

"Perhaps his most well-known association with the genre is through his work in the 1980s with Labyrinth, which mixed fantasy with fairy tale, and The Storyteller television series re-telling often obscure European folk tales using a combination of actors, puppets and innovative visual effects.

"I'm excited to have begun the project and I also have plans to interview Lisa Henson, current chief executive of the Jim Henson Company who helped her father develop The Storyteller series."

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School has a good time raising funds for charity

THE children, staff and parents at Bickerstaffe CE school have had a good time raising much needed funds for Macmillan.

As well as hosting a coffee morning to sell cakes to enjoy coffee with, Mrs James, a teaching assistant, also raised money by doing a sponsored 10K run in Southport.

Mrs James has been training on the school running track as part of the Daily Mile challenge, but has also attended before-school running club on Tuesdays and Fridays to get herself ready to 'toe-the-line'.

She achieved a personal best on the day and completed the run in a time of 1:04.

The Southport Seaside 10k took place on Sunday, September 24 and began at Princes Park, Southport.

Pupils from Bickerstaffe CE school who took part in the fundraiser

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MP wears it pink to lend support to breast cancer fundraiser

WEST Lancashire MP Rosie Cooper has dressed in pink to lend her support to Breast Cancer Now's flagship fundraiser, Wear It Pink, which will see thousands of people across the UK adding a splash of the colour to their outfits on Friday, October 20 and raise vital funds for research.

Ms Cooper is encouraging her constituents in West Lancashire to join her, and sign up to take part in the UK's biggest pink fundraiser.

The event, which takes place during October's Breast Cancer Awareness Month, is in its 16th year and has raised over £30 million to date for Breast Cancer research.

Rosie Cooper MP, was joined by fellow parliamentarians in Westminster earlier this month to show support for the thousands of women and men affected by breast cancer each year, encouraging people across the UK to take part on Wear It Pink day.

Anyone can take part in wear it pink, which brings together schools, workplaces and communities. All you need to do is wear something pink, or hold a pink event at home, work or school, and make a donation to Breast Cancer Now. Whatever you do, you're helping the charity achieve its aim that, if we all act now, by 2050 everyone who develops breast cancer will live.

Ms Cooper continues her support for breast cancer victims by joining over 190 MPs across the country to be a Breast Cancer Now ambassador, championing breast cancer issues both in West Lancashire and nationally, and 'working towards a day that the disease will stop taking lives.'

She said: "Breast cancer is the most common cancer in the UK. One in eight women will face it in their lifetime, and every year around 11,500 women and 80 men lose their lives to the disease. This is why I'm urging everyone in West Lancashire to take part in Wear It Pink on Friday October 20. It's such a fun and easy way to support Breast Cancer Now's vital research, and help stop breast cancer taking the lives of those we love.

"Breast cancer affects so many people in West Lancashire, so as a Breast Cancer Now ambassador I am proud to take part in Wear It Pink to raise awareness of the impact of the disease locally and to show support for Breast Cancer Now's vital research. I hope that everybody in West Lancashire will join me and Wear It Pink on Friday, October 20."

Also in attendance was Sky News presenter and former Olympic gymnast Jacquie Beltrao. Jacquie, who was diagnosed with breast cancer in 2013, is lending her support to Wear It Pink in the hope that thousands of people across the country will take part in the event.

Baroness Delyth Morgan, chief executive at Breast Cancer Now, said: "It is fantastic that so many MPs dressed up in pink at our Westminster Wear It Pink event and we are really grateful for all of the support and enthusiasm shown."

MP Rosie Cooper has lended her support to Breast Cancer Now's flagship fundraiser

High praise for biker cops!

THE ultimate motorcycling challenge was completed by police officers past and present when they rode across two of the world's highest routes for charity.

Thirteen bikers - including four serving and three former Lancashire Police officers - travelled to the Himalayas in India recently to navigate two of the most difficult and dangerous roads in the world – the Taglang La pass and the Khardung La Pass.

To add to the challenge the group, raising money for The AWARE Foundation, rode Indian-built Royal Enfield 500cc motorbikes throughout the journey.

Nigel Ralphson, a former sergeant and now retired from Lancashire Police, said: "These are some of the toughest, most dangerous roads in the world and to make it even more difficult we made the journey entirely on motorcycles.

"Starting in the town of Leh, 12,000ft high up in the Himalayas, we covered more than 1,300km as we navigated the Taglang La Pass and Khardung La Pass, reaching around 18,000ft in height.

A group photo of the motorcyclists at the top of the Khardung La Pass.

"During the ride we used Royal Enfield motorbikes, just like the ones we had in the UK in the 1960s, stopping in villages and camping overnight.

"Most of us came off the bikes at one point or another.

"Three riders required hospital treatment, including two for breathing difficulties, while I fractured eight ribs in one collision."

Nigel was joined by serving officers including PC Finn Quainton, PC Martin Wilcock, PC Dave Wilcock and PC Sean Erett, as well as PC Bob Hodgson and PC Brian Mills-Wood, who have both retired.

The riders hope to raise more than £10,000 for The AWARE Foundation, which helps to support disadvantaged children in India.

Sgt Ralphson added: "The objective of The AWARE Foundation – Action With Awareness Regarding Education – is to give dispossessed, disadvantaged and vulnerable children in India the right to an education.

"AWARE reaches out to children in deprived communities throughout India by using education as a way of transforming their lives for the better.

"It also provides street, runaway children and orphans with a protected childhood so that they can go on to make well-informed decisions in life.

"We've raised close to £5,000 so far but have a target of £10,000.

"The money will help about 20 kids in India and put them in a year-long education programme which will hopefully get them off the streets for the rest of their lives."

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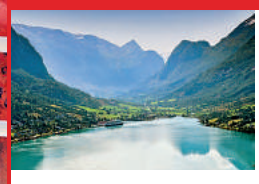

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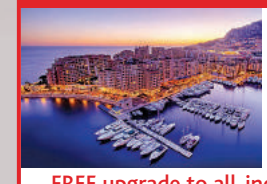

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Farmers claim they are excluded from new Defra service

Report by **Kenny Parker**

THE DEPARTMENT for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra) has launched a service which will provide farmers with advice to help them protect cattle against bovine TB (bTB).

However, farmers in the north would appear to be excluded from accessing this service, say Country Land and Business Association Limited (CLA), an organisation which represents the interests of rural land, property and business owners in England and Wales.

Under the newly launched Defra-funded advisory scheme, farmers in high risk and edge areas of bTB will be able to access expert help on protecting their animals through on-farm and phone or email advice with trained consultants providing knowledge to help prevent the spread of bTB based on the bio-security five-point plan. However, the CLA has expressed concern about the apparent exclusion of North England (Lancashire. Cumbria, Yorkshire, North East and Northumberland) on the basis that it is a Low Risk Area.

CLA director North, Dorothy Fairburn, claimed: "We welcome the newly launched scheme but are concerned about the Government's exclusion of the lower risk north region of England.

"It is really important that farmers in the north understand the risks associated with bTB, especially those caused by livestock movements from outside the area, and the steps they can take to minimise the spread of this disease.

Despite being classified as a low risk area, we want to keep this disease, with all the distress and loss it brings, out of the north."

More information about the scheme can be found at www.gov.uk/defra.

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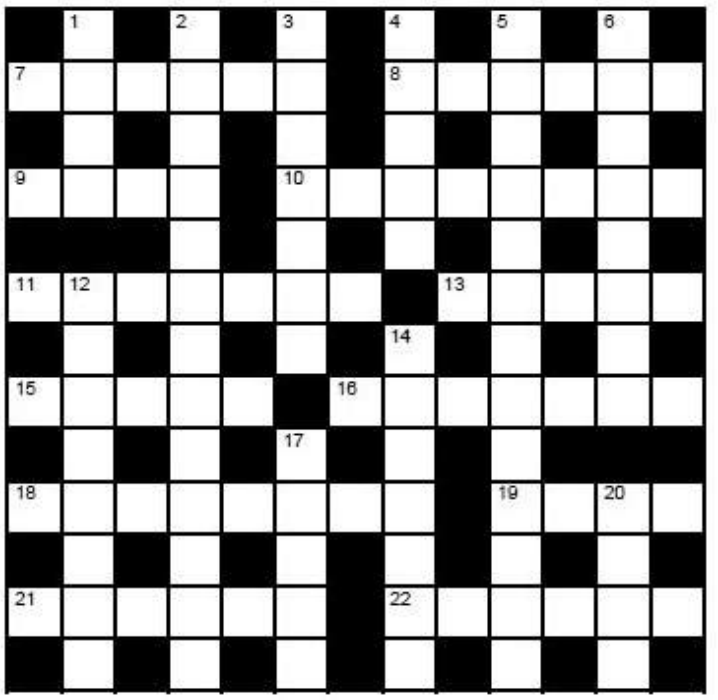

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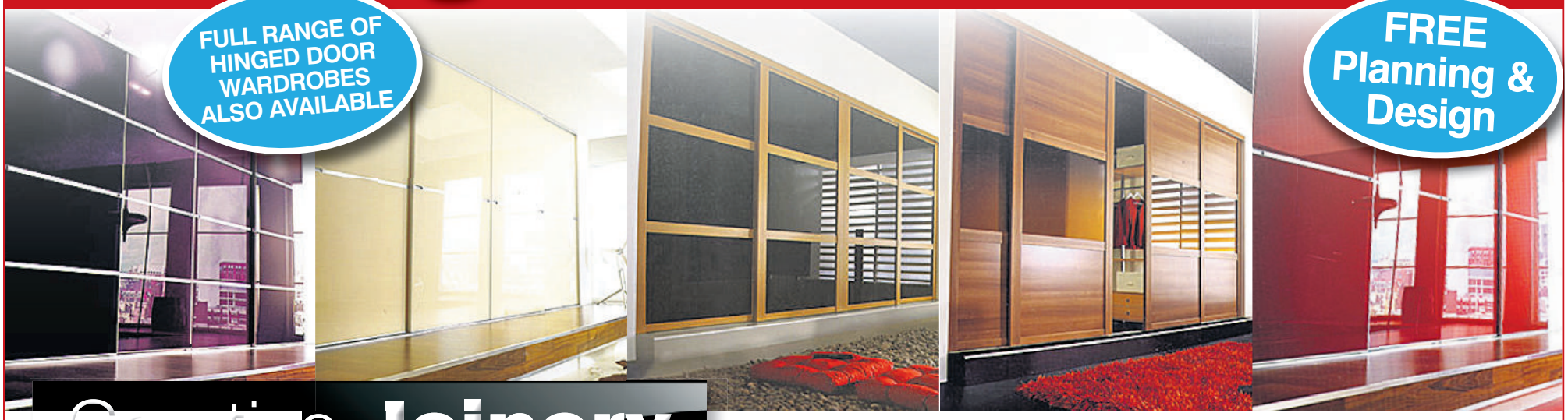

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Mike swings his way into top ten at pro-am

Report by **Henry James**

Mike Durkin (far left) with Hannah Golding, Nicolas Colsaerts and Neil Garbutt

A MEMBER at Hurlston Hall golf club in Scarisbrick swung his way into the top ten at the pro-am of the British Masters.

The competition was held at Close House, in Northumberland, on Wednesday, September 27.

Mike Durkin, from Southport, who suffered a heart attack in 2013 had secured a place at the event after winning the Bridgestone Challenge at Luton Hoo on September 6 with teammates Neil Garbutt and 14 year-old Hannah Golding and professional Ben Evans, only to beat every other finalist team to secure the silverware.

At the British Masters, he again played with Hannah and Neil and the professional was Nicolas Colsaerts.

Mike, who plays off a handicap of 14, said: "It was an outstanding event. Money can't buy that experience. All the qualifying rounds I played were worth it.

"I had a bit of lady luck along the way. If I never played golf again after that day, I would have had my fill.

"Hopefully I have empowered my fellow members to enter similar competitions.

"It was a demanding course to play. The greens were very undulating and Nicolas Colsaerts said they were some of the most demanding on the European tour.

"For example, on occasion you had to aim the putts three feet left of the hole.

"Colsaerts was a gentleman to play with. He was very helpful and helped the three of us. He would tell us where we needed to place the ball on the course. It was interesting to see how he worked with his caddie as well. Colsaerts totally trusted the information his caddie gave him.

"There was many people watching the pro-am and it was nerve-racking. People were sat in the stands.

"The organisers made you feel very welcome."

Mike's team finished about ten shots off the leaders. He also enjoyed rubbing shoulders with the pros and celebrities at the event and added: "I was able to get my picture taken with Sergio Garcia and Miguel Jimenez on the putting green.

"Hannah, who is 14 and plays off a handicap of six, had the chance to practice with the English professional golfer Charley Hull.

"I was able to speak to Daley Thompson as well and I asked him who his hero was. He told me it was Muhammad Ali, as he never faltered from his commitment or beliefs."

Members of the Pearl of Africa choir performing at St Bede's Catholic High School in Ormskirk last year.

African choir to return by popular demand

THE PEARL of Africa Children's Choir is returning to West Lancashire for another fundraising tour.

The choir, which tours the UK every year including visits to the borough, represent the Molly and Paul Childcare Foundation which is based in and around Kampalain Uganda.

The charity provides free education, homes and healthcare to poor, homeless and orphaned children.

Members of the choir, which this year consists of 14 children aged between nine and 17 years old, are looked after by volunteer host families in and around Ormskirk and Aughton while they fulfil a busy itinerary of concerts in the area.

Performances in West Lancs area are: Monday, October 16 at St Wilfrid's Church, Standish, 6.30pm; Tuesday, October 17 at Formby High School, 7pm; Friday, October 20 at Deyes High School, Maghull, 6.30pm; Saturday, October 21 at Rose Theatre, Edge Hill University, 7pm and tickets for Edge Hill are available from The Box Office at 01695 584480.

There are also performances on Monday, October 23 at Ormskirk School, Ormskirk, 6.30pm; and Tuesday, October 24 at St John the Baptist Church, Burscough, 7.30pm.

A highlight of the tour will be an informal performance at Liverpool Anglican Cathedral on Sunday, October 22 at 3pm.

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Performance lecturer rolls out red carpet

A NEW play written by Liverpool playwright Mark Curtis and produced and directed by Edge Hill academic Lisa Adams-Davey will premiere at the University's Arts Centre to mark World Mental Health Week.

Red Carpet will be performed on October 12, 13 and 14 by Lisa's alumni theatre company Confiança Collaborative.

The play, which is predominantly set in a dreamscape, aims to make conditions such as clinical depression and suicide more comprehensible through its use of both comedy and tragedy.

Lisa Adams-Davey, senior lecturer in Drama and Performance, said: "By showing the complexities of a family whose members have different mental health issues, Red Carpet aims to encourage a deeper understanding of the illness and what it is to experience it from a sufferer's perspective.

"My research profile focuses on the interface between health, therapy, and performance and, as a trainee psychotherapist, this is an area of great interest to me."

Described as an account of a life cut short, this dramatic performance of manic humour interspersed with tragic truths set in a surreal mixed-media environment will depict a world made frantic, vulgar, hysterical, and catastrophic.

Lisa Adams-Davey set up Confiança Collaborative after her 2014 production of They Shoot Dogs (written by fellow academic Sandra Philip), which explored Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and also featured Edge Hill Performing Arts alumni.

She said: "Confiança Collaborative provides great opportunities for those who have studied performing arts at Edge Hill - there are alumni in the company who initially graduated from as far back as 2008, including my colleague, Jim Burrows, who has recently gained his PhD at the University. Confiança's rehearsal programmes and performances have employability embedded throughout and those involved gain much experience and insight from the projects."

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Saturday 4th
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Thursday 9th
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Saturday 18th
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Tuesday 21st

November
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Thursday 23rd
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Friday 24th
KEN DODD HAPPINESS SHOW
Saturday 25th
ROY WOOD ROCK & ROLL BAND
Thursday 30th

December
ROB BRYDON - I AM STANDING UP
Friday 1st
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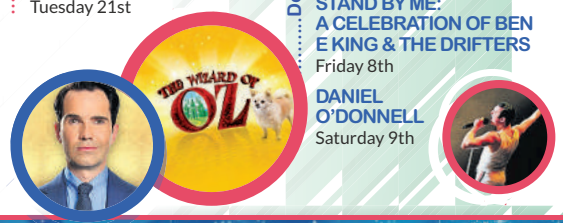

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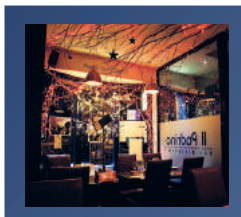

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Application No: 2017/1000/FUL Construction of a C2 care home (plus associated access, parking and landscaping etc) following demolition of the existing buildings at The Lion, 75 Liverpool Road South, Burscough.

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0971/FUL Widen driveway access to the property at The Chase, Flash Lane, Rufford.

Application No: 2017/0981/FUL Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new sunroom to rear of farmhouse. Change of kitchen window to door opening. Re-opening of blocked-in windows to rear elevation / lounge. Refurbishment of existing outbuilding and construction of new glazed extension and pool room to rear. Addition of solar thermal panels to outbuilding roof rear aspect at Owens Farm, Broad Lane, Downholland.

The proposed development affects a right of way to which Part III of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 applies.

Application No: 2017/0982/LBC Listed Building Consent - Demolition of existing conservatory and construction of new sunroom to rear of farmhouse. Change of kitchen window to door opening. Re-opening of blocked-in windows to rear elevation / lounge. Refurbishment of existing outbuilding and construction of new glazed extension and pool room to rear. Addition of solar thermal panels to outbuilding roof rear aspect at Owens Farm, Broad Lane, Downholland.

Application No: 2017/0998/FUL Replacement of the existing slate roof at 1 Manor House Close, Rufford.

The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.

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John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI Director of Development and Regeneration — Dated: 11th October 2017 PDNOT968

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2nd October 2017
Peacefully in hospital
Aged 93 years of Skelmersdale

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MOORCROFT JOYCE BRENDA (BRENDA)

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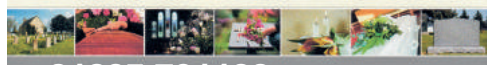

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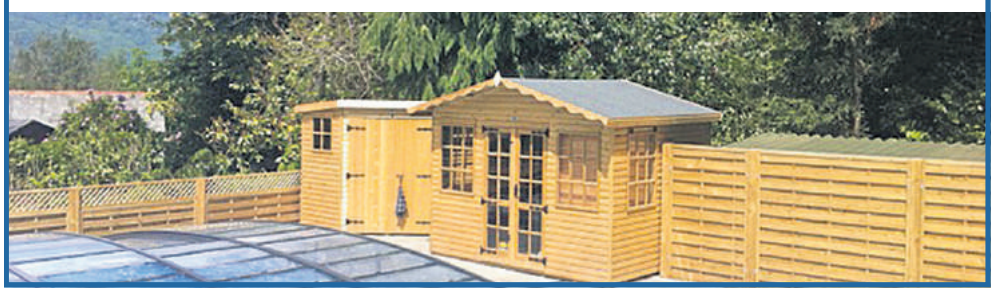

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The Toyota Century is that awkward relative who cracks awful jokes, dances badly at weddings and dresses like Alan Partridge. It is, with its ridiculous V12 engine and gaudy '70s Lincoln looks, the *Monkey Tennis* of motoring.

Which is precisely why I've always found Japan's most extravagant bit of automotive engineering so weirdly endearing. But now the awkwardly outdated wedding guest has been given some snappy new clothes and been informed that Taylor Swift is a pop starlet, not a brand of caravan.

Well sort of, because while the new model's been given an eco-conscious hybrid powerplant in favour of the old V12, Toyota's also insisting that it has "a simple and modern aesthetic". Which it doesn't. Not that I (or any of the Century's customers, for that matter) care remotely. In a world full of me-too sports activity vehicles and drearily understated executive saloons there is something wonderfully refreshing about a brand new saloon that looks exactly like a car that Huggy Bear would drive.

It's aimed at the sort of people who'd normally go for an S-Class or an Audi A8 but it's also the only luxury offering that eschews leather seats (although you can still order them) in favour of wool-trimmed thrones.

There's also an LCD panel that allows the managing director to control *all* the interior settings – including those for the driver's seat – while slouching in the rear seat. That's exactly the sort of unapologetic luxury that you just wouldn't get in a 7-Series.

Toyota has absolutely no plans to bring it to the UK, partly because it'd tread on the toes of the Lexus LS, an equally lavish saloon that just happens to look like it belongs in 2017.

But it's good to know that when it isn't churning out Prius hybrids the world's biggest car manufacturer has something genuinely a bit bonkers up its sleeve. I really hope the new Century's a raging success because it'll prove that there's a market for luxury waftmobiles that look they belong in the late 1970s.

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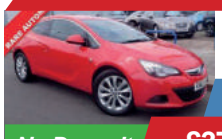

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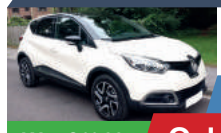

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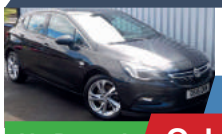

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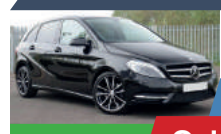

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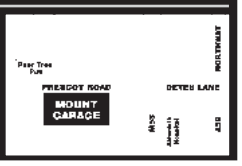

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Powell rings the changes

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

AS announced a couple of weeks ago Skelmersdale United have a new manager to replace Alan Rogers and former Prescot Cables and Burscough manager Dave Powell has wasted no time in making changes at Stormy Corner.

Saturday's line-up at Mossley contained five names that have only joined the club since Powell's arrival, and on the bench were another two while one new signing was absent.

In an interview last week with the BBC Powell stated he is "fully focused on improving the performances of the existing players and where necessary bring in players to supplement what we already have got."

He added: "The squad, due to injuries, was threadbare, lads were playing carrying injuries, and I have addressed that. In the meantime I have recruited a number of players who I know and also through my contacts that have great potential."

New signings include centre-back Liam Hollett who played with Dave at Burscough; he has been given the captain's armband. Mike Roddy an experienced defender who was latterly with Clitheroe, as was striker Callum Mahoney a Wigan based player who played for Skem briefly under Tommy Lawson last season.

One player who looked quite useful is twenty year old right-winger Alaster Redmayne who has been with Liverpool and Rotherham earlier in his career.

Sam Crook and Arnold Baxendale have both spent time at Wigan Athletic.

Yet to make his debut is midfielder Robert Bourne who has appeared in the Football League for Bury, he later played or Trafford and Stalybridge Celtic.

Dave Powell.

Leaving the club since Powell's arrival is Danny Ventre who has joined Droylsden and Seb Bradshaw who has signed for Marine.

Dave Powell's new look side have a couple of home games this week against Ramsbottom on Saturday and Atherton Collieries in the Integro Cup.

Burscough face tough test against other Linnets

BURSCOUGH are at home on Saturday when Runcorn Linnets travel over to Victoria Park for a game that is expected to generate a healthy attendance, especially as the team from the 'Bridge Country' are going well in the North West Counties Premier Division.

Next Tuesday (October 17) Burscough are away to Silsden in the Macron Cup.

As reported two weeks ago after Burscough beat Armthorpe Welfare 6-0 in the FA Vase, they travel up to the North East in the Buildbase FA Vase First Round on Saturday, October 21, where they take on Dunston UTS, which is known as Paul Gascoigne's local club.

Burscough officials say anyone planning to travel can take advantage of the club coach if they contact Steve Halliwell at the club, cost is £12 and it will probably set off at around 9-30am, although the time is yet to be confirmed.

A replay in the FA Vase would take place at Victoria Park on Tuesday, October 24, taking preference over any other scheduled match on the night.

Luckless Skem exit Trophy

Mossley 3
Skelmserdale United 1

IN football there is a phrase that is often used 'fine margins', *writes Neil Leatherbarrow.*

It is an appropriate term to describe the ending of Skelmersdale's FA Trophy hopes at a wet Seel Park on Saturday.

With 15 minutes remaining and 2-1 down, Skem were piling the pressure on Mossley.

Then centre-forward Andy Owens was denied an equaliser by a superb goal-line clearance by Mossley, the ball then quickly found its way to the other end and Mossley went 3-1 up.

The match started well for Skem when Owens won a corner in the eleventh minute. Codling drove the ball into the near-post area, Mossley full-back Caldon Henson jumped up for the ball, but only succeeded in diverting it into his own net.

The main talking point of the half was the rash of yellow cards and the referee was a little pedantic as the game was mainly played in a good spirit.

Mossley were kicking down the Seel Park hill in the second-half and soon caused Skem problems and equalised in the 51st minute.

Liam Ellis played a cross field ball to an on the run Adam Latham who got behind the Skem defence, faced with goalkeeper Jack Sims closing him down he played the ball across him and the ball rolled inside the far post. Five minutes later Mossley grabbed the lead when a free-kick was lofted into the penalty area, home number five Tom Dean got up to head at goal, Sims saved but the ball ran to his right, Ellis pounced and forced the ball into the net.

An own goal put Skelmersale in front. Picture by John Driscoll.

Skem almost instantly levelled, a ball over the top found Owens clean in on goal, however, as keeper Martin closed him down he played his shot, only to see it go agonisingly just wide.

A great opportunity then fell to substitute Callum Mahoney but he shot wide

Skem looked likely to score but in the 75th minute Martin saved from a Skem free-kick but the ball ran free, Owens leapt onto the ball and his effort was going right into the middle of the goal, a defender scrambled back and it was superbly cleared. Moments later at the other end a Mason Duffy shot struck Sims far post and Danny McLaughlin had a simple task of making it 3-1 to Mossley.

It could easily have been 2-2 but 3-1 was too much to ask - fine margins.

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